

ON THE BUFFALO NICKEL .

the old-time west have been tain whose hospitality at best was of obliterated by the broad highways of civilization, and the government is now prove to regard its ambuscades by Mexican bandits, would blanketed wards in the light of willful children rather than in the blaze of their one-time savage splendor, there is still one man at least who takes a keen delight in shooting redskins. And although he seldom nowadays strays from the seclusion of his rooms in the selves an aborigine. Yet the aborigines themselves are all fast friends of his, because, unlike the Trusty Trapper and the Scarred Scout, who went after friend Redman with a squirrel rifle, paraged because and southwest.

Yet in those thirty years there has camera.

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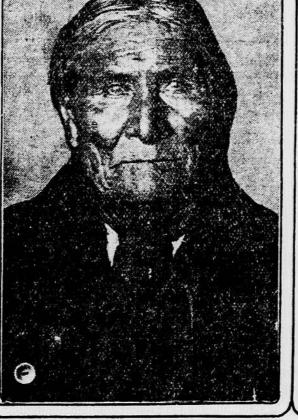
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HEAD-DRESS DIGNIFIES THE FIVE DOLLAR BILL

head dress or hat on."

Mr. Gill's experiences in the role of 'younger brother' to red men who have taken a fancy to his belongings have not always turned out as well as his adoption by Seized-With-His-Ears resulted. Upon another occasion he was adopted by an Indian who desired to get several photographs of himself and succeeded in doing so.

"On parting with great ceremony and apparent affection," said Mr. Gill, "my elder brother in this instance presented me with a large and very beautiful elk tooth which pleased me very much—until I found out it was made of celluloid."

Frequently requests come from Indians to Mr. Gill for additional photographs upon the ground that when their wives have died their possessions have been taken from them, which emphasizes a peculiar custom among many tribes, possibly the outgrowth, Mr. Gill believes, of efforts in early years to stamp out disease by cremating the bodies of victims with their household belongings. In these tribes when a woman dies she is placed in the lodge of her husband, which is set aftre. As soon as the fire has gained a little headway, all of her relatives are at liberty to rescue what they can from

the flames and keep the relies.

While he has on numerous occasions been "taken into tribes," Mr. Gill believes that except for a few prisoners in the early Indian wars who found fa-vor with their captors, but one white man in his knowledge has ever been sincerely adopted by Indians. That man was Frank Cushing of the Smithsonian Institution. For five years Cushing lived the life of a Zuni Indian, working into their confidence, gaining admission at last to their secret societies and being finally made a "Priest of

Cushing was a white man who for the sake of science lapsed for a time into savagery. He learned to chip arrowheads, carve turquoise and drill beads, and he learned the secrets of the Zunts. But he died before he had a chance to give very much of his knowl-

edge to the world. edge to the world.

His hunting of the Indian with a camera has led Mr. Gill into many strange and buried corners of the con-He has crossed deserts where the has found corrals capable of holding two hundred head of cattle whose stockades were made entirely of the carcasses of animals baked to a ma-hogany hardness by the desert sun. He has explored lost cities on distant desert-surrounded mesas, and on one oc-casion was confronted in the heart of the desert of the Colorado off the Yuma trail by one of those desert tragedies which were so pientiful in the early days of the west.

It came about when Mr. Gill, riding over the trail one morning, espied half a mile from the narrow track of safe-ty what appeared to be a pueblo ruin. At first his horse, with the fear of the desert which seems ingrafted into all mounts in that country, refused to turn aside into the shifting sands, but at last cantered off toward the spot Mr. Gill wished to examine. Arriving, he found that what he supposed to be a found that what he supposed to he a ruin was merely a natural erosion of an adobe clay bank outcropping in the desert. But a clump of trees farther in the desert caught his attention and he rode toward it. As he approached he saw that the stunted growth marked no water hole or earns sit and was

Duval West, Texan Whose Report Shaped New Mexican Policy

He Made a Remarkable and Dangerous Tour Through Mexico to Interview All the

Revolutionary Leaders for President Wilson-His Picturesque Career and His Equipment

for the Delicate Task Intrusted to Him—He Tells of Strange Experiences in Passing Be-

tween the Lines of War-ridden Land-Zapata, the Man of Mystery, Found in a Tiny Indian

ican policy has been much in evidence of late. In some essential particulars it differs from the President's earlier policy. Comment at Washington is that the new policy is based on more complete and accurate information regarding the exact condition of affairs in the republic to the south, and that the man responsible for furnishing that information, the one furnishing that information, the one whose report brought about the change in the presidential attitude, is Duval His father was a lawyer at Austin West of San Antonio, Tex.

himself, occupying as he has a confidential position, has kept a close mouth and has insisted on his own personality remaining in the back. Hriedly, Duval West is one of the leading lawyers of Texas. He knows Mexico and the Mexicans initiately, closely. He is learned in international law. He has no axes to grind. He is not a politician. But he is an intensely closely. He is learned in international law. He has no axes to grind. He is not a politician. But he is an intensely knows how to get at the root of anything he undertakes to investigate. He has investigated Mexico and its factional leaders and he has reported to the President his findings, his estimates of the men who are to the root nates of the men who are to the root nates of the President But that it is to have a tremedous bearing on the future of Mexico is admitted by all who have a tremedous bearing on the future of Mexico is admitted by all who have a tremedous bearing on the future of Mexico is admitted by all who have a trend on the manned of the President his decimal that it is to have a tremedous bearing on the future of Mexico is admitted by all who have a trendence have a treated one one with a sympathetic understanding of Mexicon and the manned his part in some famous garden and he has reported the form was an officer of the law. For example, there is the story of the Whitley gain of the wing out of the Whitley gain of the mind his part in some famous gains on the factor of the law.

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son, migrating afterward to Texas.

It was this old Gov. Duval who, idealized, was the original Ralph Ringwood asked many times, more frequently in of Washington Irving's tale, for the developed. The answers have not been full nor satisfactory, for Mr. West himself, occupying as he has a confidential position, has kept a close Forthwith he set out for the staked mouth and has insisted on his own plains country and became a combon.

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and was justice of the state supreme Just who is Duval West? Why was court for many years. His great-grandhe selected to go into Mexico, inter- father, William P. Duval, was a lead-ner of life and domestic relations were view the various leaders, military and ing figure in the early history of the an open book to him, are just the sort political, obtain a first-hand view of country, being a representative in Conthe situation, and act as the Presigress from Keptucky 100 years ago

Added to the store of knowledge he dent's eyes in the field? What is his and later territorial governor of equipment for the great task?

Florida under the administrations of Presidents Monroe, Adams and Jack-longed court experience gave Mr. West a remarkable equipment for handling the sort of investigation the President this year intrusted to him.
Furthermore, northerm Mexico knows
Mr. West and respects him. Tales of
his physical bravery, as well as of his

intellectual and legal attainments, are rife along the border. Never was Mr. West known as a bravo, but he has

Village in the Tropics.



ter users from Laredo to the mouth of

disputes is a reformed treaty with Mexico fixing an equitable division of the waters of the river. For a long time Mr. West and others, through the Department of State, have been laboring to that end. This naturally led to Mr. West's study of international law, a subject which has interested him far a subject which has interested him far beyond the range of the water contro-versy, and to his becoming a member of the American Society of Interna-tional Law.

text of the report he has made to the doubt that they have no tents. I President, nor to suggest what recom- Mexico. mendations he had made, Mr. West re-

carranza forces, or constitutionalists, never comes into the city unless he so called, are operating on the plan of Guadalupe. The two plans involve substantially the same principles.

"However, a meeting finally was arranged, and I traveled down on the three companies to the city unless he has to. Always on the move, his head-quarters in the saddle, he is known as "the man of mystery."

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"Leaving Washington in the middle of last February, I went to El Paso and thence, accompanied by George Carothers, special agent of the Department of State, to Chihuahua, where I had extended interviews with the officers of tended interviews with the officers of Villa's provisional government. From there I went to Torreon and on to Monterey, where I had interviews with Gen. Felipe Angeles, the Villa general in command, and Raoul Madero, the Villa governor of the state of Nuevo Leon. I may mention in passing that Raoul Madero, of all the 160 Maderos, in which I recorded all the conversations and incidents. Some time when is the only one who has taken up arms since the death of President Madero. "From there I returned to Torreon

Aside from all this his general practice has been large. And these facts all being well known to Messrs. Gregory and Burleson of the cabinet, is it any wonder that they nominated Mr. West to the President for the post of confidential adviser on Mexican after the were no railroads. Villa, with first war in there I accompanied him to for tenen, a trip lasting some days, in which time I was with him a great deal. "This trip was made by train, although many of my trips were made by automobile in regions where the confidential adviser on Mexican after the field has a single factor of the post of the post of the post of the post of the field has a single factor of the post of all being went anow.

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Indian mythology of the character or different from the usual army in the field in that they have no cars.

want to say that I was treated with every consideration and courtesy by the various leaders to whom I traveled. They all were anxious to place at my disposal the facts as they saw them, and to accord me safe conduct. The chief difficulties I encountered were due to the activity of minor military officers in the wilder country who repeatedly held me up.

"These roving bands, not having had word from their responsible leaders, sought to arrest me, but always let me go when my credentials were presented on the water front. The fact that a lighthouse has been erected on the building has given rise to the statement that he has taken refuge in a lighthouse. This is far from correct. "Like the others I visited, Carranza received me most amiably and was very courteous in seeing that I see of Spain—Philip IV—purchased a pearl of Indian origin weighing 126 carats. The largest pearl known is that which was once the property of Henry Philip great deal himself, for he is one who prefers to let others do the talking and Julius Caesar presented Servfila. the mother of Brutus, with a specimen valued at \$250,000. Philip II of Spain paid \$200,000 for a single pearl known as "Peregrina." It was found in Panama, was pear-shaped and weighed 134 carats. Another king of Indian origin weighing 126 carats. The largest pearl known is that which was one the property of Henry Philip IV—purchased a pearl than the others, he did not talk a specimen valued at \$250,000.

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elements officially proclaim their desire to create a constitutional government in Mexico, they are proceeding on two distinct plans of action. What we may call the conventionists, otherwise the Zapata-Villa alliance, are operating on the plan of Ayala, while the creating on the plan of Ayala, while the creating on the plan of Ayala, while the creating on the plan of Ayala, while the plan of Ayala, while the creating on the plan of Ayala, while the plan of Ayala, whi

just in time to catch a steamer for

"During all the time, up to the point tions and incidents. Some time, when the facts have ceased to be news and no harm will come from making the details public, I may relate them, but for the present it would be improp for me to do so." ASHMUN BROWN.

Famous Pearls.

THE pearl is the only gem needing not the hand of man to bring to

Indian mythology often speaks of the I pearl, attributing its discovery to the god Vishnu, who is said to have caused it to be drawn from the ocean for his mendations he had made, Mr. West recently in Washington agreed to tell an interviewer of some of his experiences in pursuing the inquiry the President directed him to make.

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